at Karvar and the Ezhimala Naval Academy in Kerala are likely to be further delayed; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Certain slippages have taken place in the implementation of Project Sea Bird at Karvar due to delays in the acquisition of land and rehabilitation of effected families. Construction of Naval Bases are, in the normal course, very long gestation projects and may extend over even longer periods, depending on the availability of resources.

The Naval Academy Project at Ezhimala, on account of the time taken for conducting an Architectural Competition for selection of the Project Architect as well as paucity of resources, has been delayed. Phase I of the Project is now expected to be completed by the end of the current Plan, around 1995. Phase II will be taken up thereafter.

Cable TV Networks

602. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cable TV networks are springing up all over the country;

(b) if so, the impact of the same of the programmes and revenue of Doordarshan; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to regularise the cable TV networks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Government are aware of the fast growth of Cable TV networks being established in different parts of the country. A high level Inter-Departmental Committee has accordingly been constituted by the Government to study various aspects of the establishment of these networks and Dish-Antennae Systems in the country and to make suitable recommendations for the consideration of the Government.

Decline in Growth of Employment opportunities

603. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an alarming decline in the growth of employment opportunities in the country during the last few years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) According to estimates based on the successive rounds of the National Sample Survey the average annual rate of growth of usual status (principal and subsidiary) employment was 1.55 per cent during the period 1983 to 1987-88 (the latest year for which estimates are available) compared to 2.22 during the period 1977-78 to 1983 and 2.82 per cent during 1972-73 to 1977-78.

Prime Minister's Call Extremists for Talks on Punjab

604. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has invited the extremists for talks on Punjab as appeared in 'the Statesmen' of the 27th November, 1990;

(b) whether the extremists of Punjab have responded thereto; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Prime Minister had stated that the Govt. are ready to talk if someone approaches it with a view to finding a solution to the problem within the frame work of the Constitution.

(b) and (c) Reports have appeared in the press that the Akali factions have shown their willingness for talks.

..Panel to Study Unemployment.... Problem

605. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Development Council had recommended to set up a panel to study the problems of unemployment and remedial measures;

(b) whether any such penal had been set up by Government;

(c) whether the penal had since submitted any recommendations;

(d) if so, what were the recommendations; and

(e) whether any of the above recommendations has since been accepted by Government and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) A Committee has been constituted to examine the legal, operational, organisational and financial aspects of the approach for achieving the goal of right to work in pursuance of the recommendation of National Development Council.

(c) No Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Telecasting of the Short Film 'Voices of Baliapal'

606. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have dropped the proposal to telecast the short film titled 'Voices of Baliapal'.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would reconsider this decision; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMRATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The short film "Voices of Baliapal" was previewed by Doordarshan and found not suitable for telecast. It was found that the treatment in the film, of this sensitive subject, fell short of a balanced presentation of the different points of view of all parties. In view of the grounds on which Doordarshan has found the film not suitable for telecast, it is not proposed to reconsider the decision.

Salt Produced by Gujarat and Rajasthan

607. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 65 per cent of salt produced in the country is produced in Gujarat alone;

(b) whether it is also a fact that even though Gujarat is producing more than 65 per cent salt, the Headquarter of the Salt Commission's Office is situated in Rajasthan;